Sisters' families

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TODD RELATIVES

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Todd Family

Sisters and Their Families

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, wife of the President of he old Union, has two married sisters now on a visit to Montgomery, Ala. One is from Kentucky, and on a visit to her sister, who resides in Selma, Ala. They are both secessionists, and opposed to the government of their brother-in-law, Abraham Lincoln. Of course they attract considerable attention of southerners.

The Montgomery Advertiser of the 7th says that "Mrs. Todd of Kentucky, the mother-in-law of Lincoln, passed through this city yesterday, en route for Selma. She was accompanied by one of her daughters. It is said that she very decidedly refused to accept the proffered hospitalities of the 'White House' at Washington, not admiring the tenets of the political faith of the hybrid 'head of the family.' Her sympathies are with the South."

The Mobile Register 2/12/09

MRS. LINCOLN IN ALA.

ANNISTON CITIZEN TELLS OF HER BEING IN SELMA AT THE CIVIL WAR BEGINNNING.

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Dr. William S. Wallace.

Dr. William S. Wallace was born August 10, 1802, in Lancaster county, Pa., and graduated in 1824 at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He came to Springfield in 1836 and at once engaged in the practice of his profession.

He was married in 1839 to Frances J. Todd, whose sister married Abraham Lincoln.

In 1861 he received from the hands of his brother-in-law, President Lincoln, the appointment of paymaster in the United States army. He was on duty part of the time at Springfield, then in the department of Missouri and the remainder of the time at the front on the lower Mississippi river. By exposure and exhaustive service in the south he became debilitated and never regained his former vigor. After the suppression of the rebellion he was placed on the retired list, and died in Springfield in 1867. For a long time the Wallace homestead was on the corner of Seventh and Capitol avenue where the Lutheran church now stands.

One of Dr. Wallace's daughters married Col. John P. Baker, a paymaster in the United States army. Several children were born of this union, one of whom, Mrs. Walter Patteson, is well known here in her home town.

Early Settlers of Sangamon County
1876

IN MEMORIAM.

CLARK M. SMITH.

Born in Clarksville, Tenn., May 10, 1820. Died in Springfield, Ill., July 28, 1885. Funeral Thursday, July 30th, at 3 p. m.

However long-looked for or unexpected, the death of one we respect or love, it comes at last like a shock from unexpected tidings. No preparation for resistance; no bracing against it can take away its suddenness when it does come. There is none who knew Mr. Smith who did or will not feel astonished to hear of his death, although he has been in feeble health for months. But the emblems of grief upon his home, the sable badges of his loss upon his places of business, and the silent whisperings from one to another of his death, all indicate that his life is "blended with the mysterious tide which bears upon its current" events, institutions, empires, in the awful sweep of destiny. No praise, nor censure, nor love, nor hate, nothing can touch the deceased further—his end has come. The shaft of death has again been hurled into our midst and takes from us one of our leading citizens. Death spares neither good, bad, nor indifferent; eminence, usefulness nor length of service is proof against the destructive aim. None can predict his coming, or what home and hearth will next be visited. With our faces toward the setting sun, our shadows lengthening as we tread the declining path of life, we gaze upon neighbors, friends and loved ones falling around us.

Our lives are rivers, gliding free
To that unfathomed, boundless sea—
The silent grave.
Thither all earthly pomp and boast
Roll, to be swallowed up and lost
In one dark wave

Clark M. Smith is dead, and the record of his life as lived among his friends, relatives and neighbors is entrusted to their keeping, sacred to his memory. Born in Clarksville, Tenn., may 10, 1820, he began life's struggles poor, but with the perseverance in his composition which made its mark before death. Of his early struggles to hold his own. we have often heard Mr. Smith speak with pride. At the age of 15 years he had found his way to Carrollton, Greene county, Ill., and he began to work to secure a livelihood and to improve his mind, until 1840, when he began business in a dry goods store, and shortly after associated with him his brother Stephen, now of Bloomington, Ill. In 1846 he was married to Miss Ann, daughter of Robert S. Todd, of Kentucky, and sister to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. In 1852 he and his brother Stephen came here and entered into partnership with his former employer, William Yates—father of Porte Yates, of the State National bank—under the firm name and style of Yates, Smith & Co. In 1864 Mr. Smith became the sole proprietor and in a few months afterward John S. Condell, sr., purchased an interest and the firm name has been, ever since, C. M. Smith & Co., as proprietors of five stores, three fronting on the square and two on Sixth street.

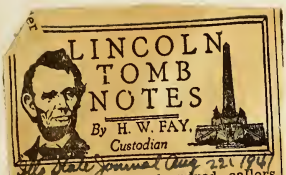
His business career is well known to most of our older citizens, and he has always been regarded as one of the most responsible in the west. He leaves behind him his widow and four children, two sons and two daughters, death has robbed them of one son some years ago. Mr. Smith was among the oldest Masons in Springfield. and will be buried by Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M.

C. M. Smith was for many years among the most active, energetic and live business men that Springfield has ever possessed. His mind could fully grasp the situation and analyze the results of an enterprise in mercantile transactions, and he could comprehend with ease the beneficial effect of a scheme, to a city to whose best interest he was most thoroughly and devotedly attached. He was one of the most ardent directors the Wabash railroad ever had, both for the business of the road and its relation to the state and the city of Springfield. To his individual exertion is due many of the wisest movements made in the extension of the Wabash, and its rise from a strap railroad from the state capital to the Illinois river, to that of a completely equipped T rail trunk line from one to the other side of the state with connections east and west.

He was untiring in his own business, and always aiding in anything which would be of benefit to the city. To him more than to any one individual is due the building of the Leland Hotel which had more influence in retaining the State capitol at Springfield than any other movement made in that direction. He was among the most devoted workers in giving to Springfield the beautiful Oak Ridge cemetery in which his remains are to find a resting place. He would spare no expense, and never tired in beautifying and adorning its walks and drives and suggesting, to his brother members of the board, plans for improvements either created by himself or gathered from his visits to the lovilest and most adorned cemeteries in the East. He was active in whatever he undertook and never from a selfish motive, more frequently sacrificing both time and money in leading off in a movement rather than that an enterprise should fail. He was never other than honest in his efforts to induce his fellow-citizens to adopt a policy or to pursue a certain line in the transaction of business. Of late years, because of the great strain upon his time and talent as a business man, his health became impaired and he seemed to have lost heart or deemed his services to the public unappreciated, and in consequence those who have known him only of late years, know nothing of his former strength and activity as a citizen. But those who knew him longest and well; who saw him in the full vigor and energy of the thorough business man he was, can see the monuments which now stand thick in this city to commemorate the memory of their active founder. In all his acts, private and public, no man can truthfully charge C. M. Smith with lack of honor and integrity, nor lay at the door of his sepulcher the charge of a sinister or selfish motive. His ear and heart and hand were ever open to hear a cry of distress, to sympathize with the sorrowing. to aid the unfortunate, while his purse was never closed to contributions when demands were made upon it for that which would reflect credit, add material wealth or permanant prosperity to the home of his adoption. Mr. Smith was always a republican in politics and as a relative of Mr. Lincoln, was active in the support of one he loved. In his latter years however he had given but little attention to politics. Such were the characteristis of a citizen beloved by those who knew him best and longest. A parent indulgently devoted to his children, a husband untiring in his providence and a friend true as steel and unselfish to a fault. His greatest fault if a fault it could be termed, was his fondness for active business and continuing in it after his system had given away on account of the great tax upon it. His name, known in the best marts of the country, has never had a shadow of dishonor cast over it from failure to meet an obligation, and no grander monument could be erected to his memory than his record of long years in business life.

His loss will, however, fall heaviest upon those who enjoyed his love and affection, and around whom the tendrils of tenderest emotion knit his domestic worth as husband and father. The beautiful and comfortable home that sheltered his loves, will oft remind sad hearts of him to whom they clung in life so fondly. His was a life of constant care, although surrounded with affluence and everything which man deems best calculated to bring peace and pleasure. He died in the harness of an active business life, of one well calculated to weaken and impair the most gigantic business man. But he sleeps well "after life's fitful fever," and the tears of regret at his taking off will mingle with fondest memories of his gencrous nature, and the pride in his spotless record after the active years of contact with life in all its phazes.

Mrs. Ann Todd Smith



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About thirteen hundred callers registered yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hecht and party pulled the latchstring an hour before the opening time and stayed to hear a dozen stories of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Halsey of Independence, Kan., were so interested they got many of the important details.

Glenn Yarbrough of Harrisburg and party were early guests. He is a personal friend of Claude Rue, who was for many years a member of the legislature from his town.

Rhoda Graff, Grace Bates. Fronia Bates and Rose Rienzo of Rome, N. Y., who are touring, got much out of their visit to the tomb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Menchhofer and son, David, of East Lansing, Mich., put in a half hour that will always be considered their appreciated historcal visit.

Mary Jean Hill of Moline was a morning caller. She brought out for the collection a picture of Minnie Smith, daughter of C. M. Smith and neice of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. It was given to Margaret Sands who gave it to Mrs. James T. Gourley of this city to be given to the collection.. Miss Hill was accompanied by Glennys Greathouse of Norris City.

May 6, 1937

Mr. Leo Wolford
17th Floor Kentucky Home Life Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wolford:

Through the courtesy of our Mr. Cover who had the pleasure of meeting you upon a recent visit to Louisville, we are making available some back numbers of a bulletin published by the Lincoln National Life Foundation and we are also placing your name upon our mailing list to receive subsequent issues. We trust you will enjoy reading this publication.

We are also forwarding under separate cover some other Lincoln items which you might enjoy reading.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

THOMAS W. BULLITT (1865-1910)
HELM BRUCE (1910-1927)

WM. MARSHALL BULLITT
LEO T. WOLFORD
JOHN E. TARRANT
R. LEE BLACKWELL
EUGENE B. COCHRAN
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COUNSEL

May 7, 1937

Louis A. Warren, Esq., Director,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have your letter of the 6th and thank you very much for putting my name on your mailing list and for sending me the other Lincoln items, which I will read with much interest, as I am particularly interested in anything about Lincoln.

If you can ever come down this way I think you might enjoy looking up Lincoln material here. I have a very good friend, whose mother was Mrs. Lincoln's half-sister and another elderly friend, who is the nephew and namesake of Joshua Speed, Lincoln's close friend. Another friend (102 years old) was a surgeon in the Union Army and remembers Lincoln well.

Yours very truly,

Leo T. Wolford

LTW:KB

Todd.

May 13, 1937

Mr. Leo T. Wolford
1706-1727 Inter-Southern Building
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Wolford:

Thank you for your interesting letter with respect to your Lincoln friend and I am well acquainted with Joshua Speed, having met him while living in Kentucky many years ago.

You might be interested to know that we are planning to observe the 300th Anniversary of the first of Lincoln's ancestors arriving in America in June. A meeting is being arranged in the old Long Run meeting house in Jefferson County where Mr. Lincoln's grandfather lies buried. We trust you will be able to attend. This is being sponsored by the Filson Club.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

Masons in Springfield, and will be

Ed. Hon Todd Smith

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HARDIN H. HERR
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KY. HOME LIFE BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

January 13, 1938

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
c/o The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

In Lincoln Lore No. 457, which I received this morning I observed that you will be in San Francisco, Calif.,

from February 10 to the 17th, my brother, John S. Herr, who like myself is a nephew of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the president, resides in San Francisco, Californis, his address is 340 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, California.

In case you have time to do so, while you are in San Francisco, please notify him of your presence there, he will be glad to call on you.

I am sending him a copy of this letter do when you arrive in San Francisco the 10th proximo he will be on the look out for you.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Hardin H. Herr

Hardin H. Herr

HHH:MS

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Mrs. Nathaniel Dawson
406 Dallas Avenue
Selma, Alabama

Mr R. Gerald Mc Murtry, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr Mc Murtry,
If I wait to go through a secretary full of papers, not disturbed for years, I fear you will not receive an answer as I am punctual or never.
Frankly I imagine there are many more Dawson etc. papers than Todd, if any. My husband whose grandmother on his father's side was Elodie Todd Dawson & on his mother's side was Margaret Todd Kellogg, knew the contents

much better than I. I have intended since his death to catalogue them all but there is never time. Anything we have are probably all Humphreys rather than Mrs Lincoln's mother.

If you are interested in personal effects we have two portraits of Elodie Todd and one of Alex Todd (Mr Townsend of Lexington probably has the copy of Alex as it was hanging at Helm Place when we last visited there some years ago) and numerous photographs, Robert Todd's commission as Lt. in the 42nd regiment of the Militia of Kentucky dated 17 Jan. 1811 & signed by Charles Scott, governor & J. Bled.... Secty; a deed & letter to Robert S. Todd from Samuel B. Todd

Mrs. Nathaniel Dawson
406 Dallas Avenue
Selma, Alabama

11-29-1844; a letter to Dr Samuel Humphreys & letter to Elizabeth Humphreys (Mrs Robert S. Todd) from A. A. Bacon; a deed from Elizabeth H. Todd to her daughters; books of Elodie Todd Dawson - her Bible with a lovely tribute to Alex (Ellick) the Christmas after his death at Baton Rouge, as well as other personal observations. Our ancestral tablets give Todd, Humphreys Logan, Briggs & Brown families but you probably have that research from Greene's Historic Families of Kentucky & Foote's Sketches of Virginia Ile.

I keep anything of value pertaining to my husband family in trust for our daughter. Anything we have is available for inspection by scholars.

Our Todd silver fortunately is marked & the clipper which was Robert Todd's was given us in 1948 by Mrs ~~Robert~~ Helen Lewis on her last visit to us & there is no proof except her knowledge.

I am glad to give you this information if there is any need for future reference but it is all Todd & not Lincoln; concerning the papers I do not know.

Sincerely yours,

Mary A. Dawson

Thursday, July 5

File under
Todd Family

July 13, 1956

Mrs. Nathaniel Dawson
406 Dallas Avenue
Selma, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Dawson:

I was glad to have your letter and to learn more about the papers which you have pertaining to the Dawson and Todd family. If, as you say, there is very little Todd material in the collection, I do not suppose that we will be interested in going any further into the matter. Nevertheless, I appreciate your willingness to let us see the collection and use it for research purposes if the occasion should ever arise that we would like to see it.

I note with interest that you have two fine portraits of Elodie Todd and Alex Todd. I know Mr. Townsend of Lexington very well and have visited in the Helm Home. Likely you would be interested to know that I have written a biography of Ben Harden Helm. In writing this biography, I became very well acquainted with Mrs. Lewis who died a year or two ago at the Helm Place.

Again I want to thank you for your early attention to the request made in my letter.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

RGM:js

Director

Margaret Todd Kellogg

Notes from conversation with Donna McCreary on 4/23/02

Margaret Todd was born on December 14, 1828, in Lexington, Kentucky.
She was Mary Todd Lincoln's half sister—her mother was Robert Smith Todd's second wife.
She married C. H. Kellogg and they had 7 children—2 boys and 5 girls: Franklin Pierce, Anita, C. M. (Minor), Annie, Elizabeth, Mattie, and Alice.
At the time their daughter Alice married her first cousin, Percy Dawson, the Kelloggs were living on Winslow Avenue in Cincinnati.
Margaret Todd Kellogg died on March 13, 1904, in Daytona, Florida.